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## Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

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To students and their families,

I know that many of you will soon begin returning to Burlington. Students are a critical part of what makes Burlington such a vibrant and livable community, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back.

Here in Burlington and in Vermont, we are very focused on continuing to protect all of you and our other residents from the coronavirus. The strategies that we've used so far have helped Vermont have <u>one of the lowest levels of coronavirus infections</u> in the country.

Now, we need your help to keep it that way. Under the order of Governor Phil Scott, anyone returning to Vermont from out of state must quarantine for a maximum of 14 days. Quarantine means not leaving your house or interacting with anyone in person unless you need urgent medical care.

We know that this will be an inconvenience. We need you to take it on in service of the greater good. We're also here to help make this process easier. When you return to Burlington, we're asking that you please register on the City website, take a pledge to quarantine in order to protect the health and safety of your friends and neighbors, and let us know if you'd like any supportive services. Here's the link to register and learn more: https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/quarantine.

These services will include a daily check-in to see if there's anything you need help accessing, like prescription medications or groceries. We'll also drop off a care package at your door with a face mask, a Fletcher Free Library card to get access to our Library's substantial collection of online services, and other necessary supplies. On day seven of your quarantine, the State is collaborating with the National Guard to provide a test for COVID-19, and this test may eliminate the need for further days in quarantine (subject to State guidance). Look out for more information about how to access testing, and other updates, in the days ahead.

Like all communities, many residents here in Burlington are elderly or have compromised health. We need your help to ensure that we don't introduce higher levels of COVID-19 back into our community, and to keep them safe – along with all of your other friends and neighbors. Thank you for your partnership and for supporting this effort that relies on all of us.

My best,

Miro Weinberger

Mayor

Learn more about Burlington's response to COVID-19 on the City website: <a href="https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19">https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19</a>